

Department of Social and Health Services

**DP Code/Title: M2-ZW DD Parent Participation**

**Program Level - 040 Div of Developmental Disab**

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Budget Period: 2001-03    Version: D3 040 2001-03 2003 Sup Agency Req

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**Recommendation Summary Text:**

This request restores funds in the Children's Administration (CA) and Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) that were removed in the 2002 Supplemental Budget on the assumption that the legislation needed to authorize the Division of Child Support to assess and collect child support from parents of children with developmental disabilities would pass.

**Fiscal Detail:**

**Operating Expenditures**

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Overall Funding</b>			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	0	720,000	720,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>720,000</b>	<b>720,000</b>

**Staffing**

**Package Description:**

The 2002 Supplemental Budget assumed the Division of Child Support would collect child support payments for DDS and CA from the parents of children being supported in the Voluntary Placement Program (VPP) and Foster Care. The child support recoveries collected were to be used to offset the costs associated with the care and maintenance of children in VPP and Foster Care. The bill that would have authorized the child support collection did not pass, leaving CA and DDS with no means of collecting these funds.

CA savings were estimated at \$100 per month for 677 children, totaling \$812,000 (\$690,000 GF-S), and savings to DDS were estimated at \$150 per month for a total of \$720,000 GF-S. These funds were removed from the operating budget.

This proposal would return \$812,000 (\$690,000 GF-State) to CA and \$720,000 to DDS for Fiscal Year 2003.

**Narrative Justification and Impact Statement**

***How contributes to strategic plan:***

This proposal supports CA goals that children will be safe from Abuse and Neglect, and improve capacity to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

This proposal supports DD goals that effectively and efficiently use resources to accomplish values, principals and mission.

***Performance Measure Detail***

**Program: 040**

**Goal: 06D Effectively/efficiently use resources to accomplish values/principals/ mission**

No measures submitted for package

**Incremental Changes**

**FY 1                      FY 2**

***Reason for change:***

The legislation authorizing the collection of child support from parents of developmentally disabled children in VPP and Foster Care did not pass and DDS and CA have no means of collecting these funds.

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***Impact on clients and services:***

This request restores funding to the Foster Care and VPP programs, preventing reductions in other client services.

If the funds that were removed from the DDS budget are returned, the services to children currently enrolled in the program can be continued at their assessed level.

***Impact on other state programs:***

None

***Relationship to capital budget:***

None

***Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:***

None

***Alternatives explored by agency:***

If funding is not restored in CA, other services for children will be reduced to divert funds to support foster care.

The VPP was lidded in the 2001-03 Budget. There is now a waiting list for these services ad children currently served in the program retain their funding after they age out at 21. This reduces the funding for those remaining in the program. A reduction of an additional \$720,000 would require service reductions for those remaining in the program.

***Budget impacts in future biennia:***

This is a one-time cost.

***Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:***

These services are ongoing, however, the saving was built into the 2003-05 Biennial Budget. Assuming passage of legislation to support collecting from all parents with children in Foster Care and the VPP.

***Effects of non-funding:***

Additional service reductions would be required.

***Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:***

The 2002 Supplemental Budget assumed the following:

DDS - 400 children x 12 months x \$150 = \$720,000

CA - 677 children x 12 months x \$100 = \$812,000

<b><u>Object Detail</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Overall Funding</b>			
N Grants, Benefits & Client Services	0	720,000	720,000

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**DSHS Source Code Detail**

Overall Funding		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
0011	General Fund State	0	720,000	720,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-1</i>		<b>0</b>	<b>720,000</b>	<b>720,000</b>
<b>Total Overall Funding</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>720,000</b>	<b>720,000</b>